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SUBJECT: UPU CONGRESS: U.S. DELEGATION SITUATION REPORT

1. CONGRESS OPENED ON SCHEDULE MAY 22 AND IS NOW IN COMMITTEE WORK FOLLOWING 5 PLENARY MEETINGS. 141 OF 151 MEMBERS REPRESENTED AT CONGRESS.

2. AT PLENARIES, CONGRESS PASSED BY CONSENSUS (WITHOUT OPPOSITION) RESOLUTIONS, ADMITTING GUINEA BISSAU AND NORTH KOREA AS MEMBERS, ADMITTING LIBERATION GROUPS AS OBSERVERS, AND URGING ASSISTANCE TO LIBERATION GROUPS. SOUTH AFRICA WAS EXPELLED FROM CONGRESS BUT CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUE OF EXPULSION FROM THE UNION WAS AVOIDED. PORTUGAL WAS PERMITTED TO REMAIN. PANAMA RAISED ISSUE OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER CANAL ZONE BUT NO FORMAL RESOLUTION YET INTRODUCED.

3. IN GENERAL, AFRICANS, ASIANS, AND ARABS ONLY WORKING WELL TOGETHER ON ISSUES WHERE THERE IS OBVIOUS CONSENSUS, BUT ON SEVERAL INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONCERT THEIR ACTIONS. A GENERAL CONCILIATORY TONE PERVADED THE DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES.

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4. INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES SO FAR PASSED INCLUDE EXPANSION OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL BY 6 MEMBERS, ELECTION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL BY CONGRESS, AND ADOPTION IN PRINCIPLE OF 50-UNIT CONTRIBUTION CLASS FOR MAJOR COUNTRIES. U.S. PROPOSAL PERMITTING U.S. AND OTHERS TO REMAIN ON EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DEFEATED BY LARGE MARGIN.

5. PROSPECTS: CONGRESS HAS NOT YET APPEARED TO HAVE SETTLED INTO KNOWN PATTERN. LDC'S NOT WELL ORGANIZED. ANTICIPATE FOLLOWING ISSUES OF INTEREST TO US WILL COME UP IN PLENARY SESSIONS: EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS PRACTICING APARTHEID, ELIMINATION OF REPRESENTATION OF TERRITORIES, AND ELECTION OF DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL. DO NOT ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTIES IN CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

6. COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUE WITH PLENARY SESSIONS SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 12, 19, AND JULY 1-4. GENERAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE IN FIRM HANDS FRENCH DELEGATION HEAD BUT AFRICANS AND LA'S TO HAVE FULL RUN IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY NIGER.
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